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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF HERBERT CHITEPO

REF: LUSAKA 463

1. TANZANIAN PRESS HEADLINED CHITEPO ASSASSINATION
MARCH 19, AND BOTH GOVERNMENT'S DAILY NEWS AND
PARTY'S UHURU RAN EDITORIALS DENOUNCING KILLING AS
WORK OF SMITH REGIME. WHILE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PAPER
DOES NOT DISCUSS EFFECTS OF THE KILLING, SWAHILI-
LANGUAGE UHURU SAYS "RHODESIAN PEOPLE MUST RECOGNIZE
THAT IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN SUCCESS BY
CONVERSATIONS WITH SAVAGE MEN CAPABLE OF COMMITTING
BESTIALITIES LIKE THIS OF LUSAKA RECENTLY. THE ONLY
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HOPE OF FREEDOM FOR RHODESIA IS IN VICTORY IN THE

WAR OF LIBERATION. THE PEOPLE MUST BEGIN TO SIGN UP NOW FOR LESSONS IN LIBERATION WAR, A GREAT EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO OBTAIN GOOD WEAPONS, AND A LARGE AND STRONG ARMY MUST BE PREPARED TO BE READY AT ANY TIME TO CONFRONT THE OPPRESSORS. MUCH BLOOD OF PATRIOTS HAS ALREADY BEEN SHED IN RHODESIA. THIS BLOOD CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO BE A FUTILE LOSS."

2. TANU YOUTH LEAGUE, WHICH OFTEN RUSHES INTO PRINT WITH REACTIONS, ALSO ACCUSES SMITH REGIME OF THIS "ACT OF FEAR AND BESTIALITY", AND REMINDS SMITH THAT ASSASSINATIONS OF EDUARDO MONDLANE AND AMILCAL CABRAL BACKFIRED.

3. COMMENT: DESPITE ANGER OF PRESS EDITORIALS, WHICH ALMOST CERTAINLY OFFICIALLY INSPIRED, DOOR TO PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA NOT QUITE SHUT TIGHT BY TANZANIAN STATEMENTS SO FAR. BUT EVEN IF SMITH REGIME IN FACT INNOCENT OF THIS SLAYING, IT WILL BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR IT TO PRESENT CONVINCING CASE TO AFRICAN PUBLIC, AND THIS BOUND TO INFLUENCE TANZANIAN LEADERSHIP, WHATEVER IT MAY COME TO KNOW PRIVATELY ABOUT THE KILLING.
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